



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-07**

I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me under North Dakota Century Code Section 37-17.1-05, do hereby order the following precaution against the possible spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) into North Dakota:

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess in this State, or to transport into North Dakota, the whole carcass or carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, or elk from:

1. A private game farm in a state or province that has documented an occurrence of CWD in wild populations or captive populations in that state or province; or
2. Areas within a state or province with a documented occurrence of CWD in wild populations or captive populations, as described herein.

It is not a violation of this Executive Order if, before entering this State, the person has caused the whole carcass or carcass parts to be converted to:

1. Meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately;
2. Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
3. Meat that has been boned out;
4. The hide with no head attached;
5. Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plate with antlers attached;
6. Antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
7. Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers," "whistlers," or "ivories," or
8. A finished taxidermy head.

It is not a violation of this Executive Order for a person to possess and transport through North Dakota a whole carcass or carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, or elk provided the carcass or carcass parts are not prepared, processed, or removed from the vehicle within the State.

The following hunting units, or equivalent game management units, wildlife management units, or counties have documented an occurrence of CWD. Importation of white-tailed deer, mule deer, or elk carcasses or their parts (other than those parts listed above) is restricted from the following areas, and from all private game farms in these states and provinces.

1. **Colorado:** Game Management Units 7, 8, 9, 12, 19, 20, 29, 37, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 191, 421, 441, 461, 951 (some of these are west slope units)
2. **Nebraska:** Upper Platte, Plains, and Pine Ridge Units (this includes counties of Cheyenne, Kimball, Sioux, and Scotts Bluff)
3. **New Mexico:** White Sands Missile Base
4. **Saskatchewan:** Wildlife Management Zone 46
5. **South Dakota:** Fall River County
6. **Wisconsin:** Deer Management Zones 54, 70, 71, 73, 75, 76, 77
7. **Wyoming:** Deer Hunt Areas 10, 14, 15, 16, 22, 55, 57, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 73, 88, 158 or Elk Hunt Areas 5, 6, 7

This Executive Order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. North Dakota's wild deer and elk populations are a valuable natural resource and must be protected from the impacts of CWD.
2. The people of North Dakota are interested in sustaining and using this valuable resource as a source of food and recreation.
3. North Dakota's farmed elk and deer industry is important to a number of agricultural producers and the state's overall economy.
4. Without this Executive Order, there does not exist in law the authority for the Game and Fish Department or the State Veterinarians Office to implement carcass importation requirements.
5. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, State Veterinarians Office, and State Health Department all have recommended that an Executive Order regulating the importation of wild animal carcasses be issued and remain in place until such time as the State Legislature can act to create the necessary authorities in law.

**THEREFORE**, on the grounds set forth above, I find an emergency exists as provided by NDCC 37-17.1-04(3) requiring a state response to mitigate the threat of CWD.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

Signed,  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attested  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State